(b) whether the Government have considered the advisability of adopting the rules embodied in the aforesaid portion relating to 'communal representation' 'mutatis mutandis' and if not

(c) what other method or plan they have considered necessary to adopt to redress the grievance given expression to in the Legislative Council, by the representatives of those communities which are not adequately represented in Government service ;

(d) whether the rules regarding communal representation passed by the Government of Madras be printed and placed on the table ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes.

(b) and (c) The point will receive consideration when the Public Service Commission is constituted.

(d) A copy of the Gazette containing the rules is placed on the Council table.

Water scarcity in the Kunnamkulam Girls' High School.

106. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether in the last year classes were held from 8 a. m. in the Girls' High School, Kunnamkulam ; and if so ,

(b) what was the reason for it ;

(c) whether this was done on account of scarcity of water;

(d) whether the Head-mistress has submitted any report in the last six years about scarcity of water ; and if so,

(e) how many times she has reported about it in the aforementioned period ;

(f) what action has been taken by the Government to provide enough water for the use of the school girls and teachers ;

(g) whether there was any proposal to acquire one of the neighbouring compounds or a part of it with a view to solve the problem or water scarcity ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Scarcity of water.

(c) Yes.

(d) Yes.

(e) Not less than half a dozen times.

(f) Boring operations were conducted but they were without success.

(2) Acquisition of the adjoining compound was contemplated, but the question is kept in abeyance for want of funds.

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(3) To minister to the needs in the meantime, a hot whether allowance enough for engaging a full-time servant to fetch water from a distance has been sanctioned.

(g) Yes. Please see answer to (f) above.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—When was the first report received by the Government from the Headmistress?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It came as early as 1105.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know how much the adjoining compound will cost approximately?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I think it is roughly worth Rs. 2,000 and odd.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—When is this scarcity of water experienced?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—During the summer months, from somewhere about the middle of Makaram till the closing of the school.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—I think good water is available in the Hospital compound.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The hospital compound is quite away from the school. We have made provision for carrying water from the Hospital compound to the school.

Eroor-Trippunittura canal question.

107. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(1) what action has been taken by them to give relief to the flood-stricken areas in Eroor, Nadama, Karingachira, etc., since the discussion of the question in the last budget session of the Council;

(2) whether the Government has decided where the canal is to be opened;

(3) if they have not settled where it ought to be, the reason for the delay?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) The scheme is under investigation by the P. W. D.

(2) No.

(3) This can be settled only after the investigation is completed by the P. W. D. in all its details.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—For how long was this investigation going on?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I think for the last one month.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—May I know the reason for the delay for starting the investigation?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—We have got a limited staff in our irrigation department and they have got other pressing works.

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